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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculating the filing fee, and prior to examination, please amend the above-identified case as indicated below. It is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by this amendment. However should the Commissioner determine that a fee is due he is authorized and requested to charge such fee to deposit account No 17-0010.

In the Specification

Page 1, Line 6, add the following:

---This application is a Continuation-In-Part in that it discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in prior, copending United States Application Serial Number 07/979,326 entitled "IMPROVED PROCESS FOR EVACUATING A THERMALLY INSULATING JACKET AND IN PARTICULAR THE JACKET OF A DEWAR OR OF ANOTHER CRYOGENIC DEVICE" filed in the USPTO on the 20th day of November 1992.---